



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS

AND

Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN OF FREMONT, N. H.,

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending March 1st,

1877.

EXETER :

GAZETTE STEAM PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT,
1877.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves with the following sums ,
to wit :

Received—Balance in Treasurer's hands, 1876,	\$ 481 78
Cash borrowed of sundry persons,	2406 00
Of State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	78 43
“ “ Railroad tax,	24 68
“ “ Literary fund,	55 80
County, for support of paupers,	150 92
Daniel Glover, expense of burying child,	6 50
P. C. Robinson, for expense of Samuel Trickey, for 90 days, up to March 14, 1876	6 50
Town of Brentwood, for expense of Margaret French and children for 90 days, previous to June 15, 1876.	46 64
James Martin, collection of 1875,	164 83
Andrew J. Brown, collection of 1876	2774 00
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	\$6196 08

PUBLIC TAXES.

Paid State tax,	\$592 00
County tax,	601 60

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid District No. 1,	\$ 173 11
“ “ 2,	210 63
“ “ 3,	134 68
“ “ 4,	76 33
J. S. Tuck's heirs and John H. Carr,	5 57

 \$600 32

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY LABOR.

Paid District No. 1,	\$ 3 91
“ “ 2,	9 38
“ “ 3,	35
“ “ 4,	29 43
“ “ 5,	94
“ “ 6,	8 46
“ “ 7,	5 28
“ “ 9,	28 17

 \$85 92

PAUPERS.

Paid Dr. Natt Batchelder, for visit to J. W.	
McIntire's family	\$ 1 50
for supplies furnished Henry Leavitt	
and family, 54 weeks, up	
to Jan. 16, 1877,	162 00
Medical attendance for the same, 1875	2 42
“ “ “ “ 1876	5 00

 \$169 42

for supplies furnished Mary A.	
Worthen, 36 weeks, up	
to Jan. 15, 1877,	39 00
Medical aid for the same,	3 25

 \$42 25

Paid Expense of burying David Glover's child		\$6 50
Mrs. Caroline Brown, for support of John Marsh and family 48 weeks, up to March 1, 1877.	\$144 00	
Clothing for the same,	3 45	
	<hr/>	\$147 45
supplies furnished Josiah R. West, and family, 6 weeks, up to June 13, 1876,	\$25 00	
Nurse for the same,	4 00	
Medical aid "	25 00	
Clothing "	1 92	
Supplies for 13 weeks, up to March 1, 1877,	39 25	
Medical aid,	3 50	
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Supplies furnished Margaret French		\$29 82
Supplies furnished Samuel Trickey, 52 weeks, up to Feb. 27, 1877,		26 00
Supplies furnished tramps,		12 50
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		\$534 11

BREAKING ROADS WINTER OF 1875—1876

Highway District No. 1.

Paid Samuel A. Smith,	5 64	
Ira Hilan,	7 60	
Charles D. Rowe,	4 60	
Wm. Stevenson,	5 60	
Stephen G. Sleeper,	8 60	
Washington Lyford,	12 40	
J. S. Dearborn,	2 55	
	<hr/>	\$46 99

District No. 2.

Paid Henry Lyford,	\$2 30
Jeremiah Burley,	6 40
James W. Yeaton,	90
John Evans,	1 20
Samuel Trickey, Jr.,	1 80

 \$12 60

District No. 3.

Paid Horatio Beede & Son,	\$2 00
Geo. F. Beede,	3 50

 \$5 50

District No. 4.

Paid Hiram Williams,	\$2 10
Thompson Barnes,	4 80
C. W. Follette,	80

 \$7 70

District No. 5.

Paid Charles C. Brown,	\$3 80
Sherburne Sanborn,	30

 \$4 10

District No. 6.

Paid J. B. Sanborn,	\$1 75
J. B. Wilber,	50
Charles F. Poor,	60
Geo. A. Stevenson,	50
Alva Sanborn,	4 80

 \$8 15

District No. 7,

Paid Robert S. French,	\$5 75
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District No. 8

Paid Jeremiah Banfield,	\$2 10
B. S. Scribner,	5 60
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	\$7 70

District No. 9.

Paid A. J. York,	\$1 60
Elbridge Brackett,	2 80
Horace H. Wood,	2 80
Charles E. Jones,	1 00
J. A. Smith,	70
James Winslow,	80
Geo. D. Foss,	60
John Brown Jr.,	20
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	\$10 50

BREAKING ROADS WINTER OF 1876—1877.

Highway District No. 1

Paid Frank Bowley,	\$1 65
Benj. Purington,	3 08
John M. Fitts,	3 40
John S. Gilman,	2 70
John L. Fitts,	1 60
Robert McDaniels,	98
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	\$13 41

District No. 2.

Paid Josiah B. Robinson,	\$2 40
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District No. 3.

Paid Geo. F. Beede,	\$1 50
Phinaes Beede, Jr.,	5 40
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	\$6 90

District No. 6.

Paid J. B. Wilber,	\$3 70
J. B. Sanborn,	4 09
Geo. A. Stevenson,	45
Geo. G. Brown,	30
Chas. W. Brown,	53
Daniel S. Brown,	30

 \$9 37

District No. 7.

Paid Daniel C. Hook,	\$1 50
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District No. 8.

Paid Orin Bean,	\$3 75
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District No. 9.

Paid D. Frank Fellows,	\$7 00
Geo. D. Foss,	2 25
Geo. Gear,	7 00
A. J. York,	12 30
Daniel J. Smith,	58
James Winslow,	90

 \$30 03

Paid sundry persons' notes and interest
amounting to

\$1613 84

ABATEMENTS.

Paid Geo. A. Sanborn, overtaxed 1875.	\$3 10
Mrs. John Warren, cow died,	68
Geo. G. Brown, overtaxed, 1875,	4 80
Thompson Barnes, dog died,	2 00
John Brown, overtaxed,	3 59
Chas. G. Brown, "	1 44
James Winslow, dog died,	1 00
Horatio Beede, cow died,	50
" " overtaxed,	3 00

Paid Chas. E. Follette, horse died,	60
Chas. E. Jones, dog died,	1 00
Geo. W. Burley, poll 1876,	1 20
Jona. B. Carr,	3 40
Harrison B. Ellis, taxed at Stratham,	1 20
Freeman H. Leavitt, pauper,	1 44
Geo. W. Smart, poll 1876,	1 20
J. B. Sheppardson " "	1 20
G. K. Sheppardson " "	1 20
Josiah West " "	1 20
C. A. Wormwood " "	1 20
Josiah R. West, " "	1 20
Dennis P. Hoyt's heirs,	14
L Tyler Bean, poll 1875,	1 70
Boardman Poor Jr., "	1 70
James Robinson	46
John Trickey's heirs,	10
Josiah R. West, 1875,	1 70
Josiah West, "	1 70
Levi Ladd,	17

\$46 22

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid James Bean for gravel used on high-	
way,	\$3 00
Samuel A. Smith for labor on high-	
way.	90
for blanks,	65
" Collector's Book	90
" Surveyors Books,	75
" Inventory "	45
A. J. York, for labor on highway,	70
J. B. Clement, for labor on highway,	3 00
" " cleaning town house,	2 00
for return of births and deaths,	1 25

Paid C. E. Wormwood, for labor on highway,	9 00
J. B. Wilber, " "	40
Alva Wood, for services on Margaret French case,	100 00
Court costs Margaret French case,	41 57
J. B. Clement, Jr., for 5 days labor on Sand Hill,	6 50
J. B. Clement, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days labor on pound	5 31
J. R. West, for 5 days labor on Sand Hill,	7 50
J. R. West, 4 1-4 days labor on pound	6 37
Geo. Hutchinson, for 3 1-4 days labor on pound,	4 06
C. W. Bean, for public watering trough,	3 00
" " " labor on highway,	6 40
" " " " Sand Hill,	45 00
H. Williams " " " "	81 49
Thompson Barnes " " "	53 50
C. W. Bean, labor on Sleeper bridge	21 50
Benj. Woodman " " "	12 50
Nathan Norton " " "	7 50
Benj. Woodman, " on highway,	7 50
Jeremiah Benfield, for covering Stone,	2 00
" " slabs used on road,	75
" " labor on highway,	10 05
J. L. Fitts, for repairs of Sleeper bridge,	15 87
F. W. Follette, for painting Caverly bridge,	6 00
C. G. Brown, for labor on highway,	6 00
A. J. York, " "	2 25
Geo. D. Foss, " "	1 50
C. E. Jones, " "	50
David Leavitt, for powder and fuse,	20
D. J. Smith for 27 posts,	4 05
" " " 10 poles	1 30

Paid Geo. D. Foss, for distributing town reports,	2 00
Geo. D. Foss, for use of plough on road,	25
E. C. Brown, for damages caused by defect in road,	5 00
E. Currier, for 4 guide posts,	4 00
“ “ use of plow,	75
Samuel A. Smith, for labor on highway,	27 13
D. C. Hook, for removing 20 1-2 rods of wall,	17 42
H. Beede & Son 16 days labor on highway,	24 00
H. Beede & Son, for use of cart and plow,	1 00
H. Beede & Son, for 50 ft. oak bridge plank,	1 00
Washington Lyford, for covering stone,	2 00
J. B. Robinson, for use of plow,	1 50
“ “ “ drills and hammer	75
J. B. Wilber, for 120 ft oak plank,	1 80
J. M. Fitts, for stone used on Sleeper bridge,	5 00
D. C. Hook, for labor on road,	7 80
“ “ “ summoning witnesses and for their attendance, at trials of Witham case,	66 58
James Martin, for public watering trough,	3 00
John B. Witham, on execution,	126 25
Court costs on J. B. Witham suit,	63 58
Sally Witham in full for damages caused by accident on Beede Mill in Nov. 1874,	200 00

Paid Alva Wood costs on suit of Sally and J. B. Witham, vs. town of Fremont,	15 00
J. F. Wiggin for services on Witham and other suits,	165 50
for 1 set of undertaker's tools	5 00
Geo. F. Beede for labor on highway,	2 15
Express bills,	2 75
Stationary,	3 75
T. B. Smith, for services as town clerk,	12 00
B. T. Sanborn, " superintending school committee,	12 00
G. L. Sanborn for services as town Treasurer,	10 00
A. J. Brown, for services as collector of taxes,	40 00
for printing collector's bills.	2 00
P. C. Robinson, for public watering trough,	3 00
P. C. Robinson, for 21 lbs spikes,	84
G. H. Floyd, for 6 journeys with hearse,	9 00
G. H. Floyd, for care of town house and wood furnished at elections,	1 50
G. H. Floyd, for repairing town house,	1 30
J. B. Sanborn, for public watering trough,	3 00
J. B. Sanborn, for gravel used on road	2 00
" " lumber for bridge	25
Ira Hilan, for labor on Sleeper bridge,	3 15
C. W. Follette, for 10 days labor on highway,	15 00
C. W. Follette, for use of horse and cart,	2 00

Paid for 9 lbs. spikes,	36
for 65 lbs. paint for Caverly bridge,	2 60
for 7 1-2 gal. linseed oil " "	5 10
J. Benfield, for labor on highway	1 50
C. E. Jones, " "	1 50
Follette and Floyd for land adjoining cemetery,	24 48
James Godfrey, for services on Witham case,	13 42
J. Burley, for 50 posts,	6 50
" " " 30 poles,	6 60
for recording deed,	80
C. W. Follette, for attending hearing on Witham case,	1 00
J. D. P. Wingate, for printing town reports 1876,	25 00
for 4 check lists,	80
for counsel on pauper case,	3 00
R. S. French for public watering trough,	2 00
R. S. French, railing Clough's bridge,	50
B. F. Sanborn, for public watering trough,	1 50
James W. Yeaton, for labor on highway,	1 00
Boardman Poor, for labor on highway	3 60
Chas. C. Brown, for gate and lock for pound	3 25
Chas. C. Brown, for setting guide posts	25

\$1459 68

SELECTMEN'S PERSONAL SERVICES.

GEO. L. SANBORN.

Paid for 2 days making appointments	3 00
2 " taking inventory	3 00
2 " preparing inventory and making assessment,	3 00
2 days making taxes,	3 00
making enrollment,	1 00
" return of inventory to State treasurer,	2 00
Collector's book,	1 00
Surveyor's books,	1 00
Recording taxes,	1 50
making and posting warrants and check list, for Nov. election,	2 00
making and posting warrant and checklist for annual election	2 00
2 days with collector,	3 00
3 " " selectmen,	4 50
attending 2 juror meetings,	1 00
1 day with auditors,	1 50
preparing accounts for publication and recording the same,	2 00
1-2 day making juror list,	75
2 journeys to Manchester on pauper business,	7 00
1 journey to Worcester on road business,	6 00
1 journey to County farm,	1 50
1 journey to Concord to pay State tax,	3 50
1 day town business,	1 50
1 journey to Exeter to collect County pauper bills,	2 50

Paid for 2 days at Exeter, in Witham case,	3 00
10 journeys to Exeter on Witham case	25 00
2 journeys to Exeter on French case,	5 00
5 days with horse on Witham case,	12 50
3 " " " pauper business	7 50
11 " " " town business,	27 50

\$137 75

CHARLES C. BROWN.

Paid for 2 days taking inventory,	3 00
1-2 day making juror list,	75
2 " on Witham case,	3 00
1 journey to Exeter on Witham case	2 50
attending juror meeting,	50
3 days with selectmen,	4 50
1-2 " town business,	75

\$15 00

CHARLES H. WHITTIER.

Paid for 2 days taking inventory,	3 00
2 " making taxes,	3 00
attending two juror meetings,	1 00
2 journeys to Exeter on French case	5 00
3 " " Witham case,	7 50
3 days with selectmen,	4 50
2 " on Witham case,	3 00
1-2 " making juror list,	75

\$27 75

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of money received,	\$6196 08
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EXPENDITURES,

Public taxes,	\$1193 60
School “	600 32
Non-resident highway labor,	85 92
Pauper bills,	534 11
Breaking roads 1875 and 1876,	108 99
“ “ 1876 and 1877,	67 36
Notes and interest,	1613 84
Abatements,	46 22
Miscellaneous bills,	1459 68
Selectmen's services,	180 50
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	\$5890 54
Balance in Treasurer's hands	<hr/> \$305 54

GEO. L. SANBORN, } Selectmen
 CHAS. C. BROWN, } of
 CHAS. C. WHITTIER, } Fremont.

AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1877

The undersigned Auditor having examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, is satisfied that they are correctly cast, and reports that from the books the following appears to be the present financial condition of the town :

Whole amount of outstanding claims
 against the town, including interest
 to March 1, 1877, \$4709 33

FROM WHICH DEDUCT,

Balance in Treasurer's hands,	305 54
Due from U. S. Government for bounties,	1168 00
Due from the County for support of paupers,	32 50
Due from Andrew J. Brown, collection of 1876	29 25
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	\$1535 29

Leaving a debt of \$3174 04

GEORGE F. BEEDE, Auditor,

March 2, A. D., 1877,

REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF FREMONT, N. H.,
For the Year Ending March 1, 1877.

DISTRICT. NO. 1.

John B. Bartlett, Prudential Committee.

Carrie M. Higbee, Teacher.

Summer term commenced, May 1st, and closed June 30.

Whole number of scholars 21 ; average attendance, 18.

Fall term commenced Sept. 11th, and closed Dec. 22.

Whole number of scholars 25 ; average attendance 13.

Both terms were taught by the same teacher. She early won the esteem of scholars and parents, which made success more easily secured. There was good progress made by the scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

James Ladd, Prudential Committee,

Elvira C. Gordon, Teacher.

The Summer term of 10 weeks commenced May 8, and closed July 14.

Whole number of scholars 44 ; average attendance 38.

Wages of teacher including board, \$32 per month.

Winter term of 14 weeks commenced Oct. 9th, and closed Jan. 12.

Whole number of scholars 54 ; average attendance 40.

Wages of teacher including board, \$33 per month.

The district was fortunate in securing the services of the same teacher for both terms. The quiet, yet decided manner of the teacher secured respect and cheerful obedience on the part of the scholars. Good improvement was made during both terms of school.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

John F. Hartford, Prudential Committee.

Elizabeth B. Rowe, teacher.

The Summer term of 6 weeks, commenced May 22d, and closed June 30.

Whole number of scholars 29; average attendance 25.

Wages of teacher, including board, \$23 per month.

Fall term commenced Sept. 18th, and closed Dec. 29.

Both terms were taught by Miss Rowe. In thoroughness of drill, Miss Rowe has no superiors. Every branch of study was made attractive by illustrations from the fertile brain of the teacher. The committee feels that Divine Truth, the principles of temperance and intellectual culture have been most beautifully blended in the instruction of two years. Scholars so highly favored ought and *must* feel the benefits of such instruction through life. We believe it will lift them to a nobler life and greater usefulness.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Theodore B. Smith, Prudential Committee.

Cora B. Bean, teacher.

The Summer term of 9 weeks commenced May 1st, and closed June 30.

Fall term of 8 weeks commenced July 17th, and closed Sept. 8.

Wages of teacher, including board, \$16.

Whole number of scholars, 13 in Summer, and 10 in the Fall. Average attendance for Summer term 11, for Fall term 6.

This was Miss Bean's first experience in teaching. She labored faithfully for the improvement of her scholars and met with commendable success.

REMARKS.

It gives one pleasure to report to the citizens of the town, and the friends of education elsewhere, that each and all of our schools for the year have been successful. As already stated each district has employed the services of competent teachers for two successive terms. This is greatly to be desired when good teachers are secured. Of necessity it requires time for teachers and scholars to become familiar with each other. Younger and more backward scholars often fail of securing all the benefit they might enjoy, through timidity and bashfulness, hence to employ good teachers continuously benefits every class of scholars.

There have been no disturbing influences brought to bear upon any of our schools for the year. Teachers, scholars and parents have worked together with admirable unanimity. Still we feel the parents and friends of our schools have been far too remiss in duty, by neglecting to visit the schools more frequently. Next to the success of the schools is the pleasure of meeting the parents and citizens of the town, at the closing exercises of the term. Expectation of such visits stimulates the scholars to make greater efforts in their studies, it also gives great encouragement to the hard working teachers.

After toiling patiently through summer's heat, and winter's cold, it is a great satisfaction to feel they are appreciated and their efforts encouraged by the parents. Hence let me urge upon all friends of education a systematic visitation of the schools. All need not go at the same time, but be sure to go often through the term and never fail to be present at the close of a term.

There is still need of improvement in some of the school rooms, and all might be rendered more attractive by a trifling expense.

That there is too much indifference manifested in this respect cannot be denied. And kindred to this is the unwillingness of many parents to provide their children with suitable books. When the fathers discard the farming tools of their grand parents, and the mothers the style of dress of fifty years

ago, it is surprising that the *children* should be required to use and expected to enjoy books that have been in use for a quarter of a century, yet such seems to be the case. And strange as it may seem there are teachers who discourage the introduction of new books, and the inference is they are not willing to make themselves familiar with the new methods of thought and modes of instruction, least it may require more time than they consider themselves paid for. The only conclusion we can arrive at, is the fewer such teachers we employ the better.

A supply of competent teachers is still felt as the great need of our common schools. The office of public teacher is one of the most important of all public trusts and requires the highest and best mental and moral endowments. Henceforth, let us make a combined effort to raise the standard of education still higher in our common schools, for on the intelligence and morality of the people, depends the stability and persuance of our republican institutions and government.

BENJ. T. SANBORN.

Superintending School Committee.

Fremont, Feb. 28, 1877.

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